



Exciting District 15 Challenger Baseball

In following the model designed by Little League Baseball, our own local District 15 will once again offer Challenger Baseball this spring for boys and girls ages 5-18 that have physical, developmental and intellectual disabilities which may prevent them from participating in a mainstream Little League program.

District 15 includes the communities of Amesbury, Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton/Wenham, Ipswich, Manchester-Essex, Middleton, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, and Topsfield. However you do not need to live within the District to participate. ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

This program will provide these special children with an opportunity to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation at a level structured to their abilities. More importantly, the program will allow them to be part of a team, develop their social skills and build their self-esteem. With the Little League Challenger Buddy System, we will provide a chance for players in our other Little League Divisions to work with these Challenger players and assist them during the games. “Buddies” will assist the Challengers running the bases, catching, throwing, pushing wheelchairs etc. Although our Challengers benefit from their assistance, the buddies are winners too as the enthusiasm and spirit the Challengers bring to the game is infectious. There were wonderful relationships developed between the players and buddies last season. Being on the field is just one of the benefits resulting from playing Challenger Baseball – socialization skills, friendship, and a feeling of success are also recognized. For families, we will offer camaraderie with other parents and siblings and a chance to cheer on their special player and his or her teammates. All players will receive uniforms and trophies. We plan on offering League Pictures, a League Cookout and many other Special Events during the course of our inaugural season. Last season we were able to provide end of season awards. We hope our sponsors will be generous again this season, which will allow us to provide the special “extras” for our players and buddies once again.

The Special Rules of the Challenger Division

- All Children ages 5 through 18, or who remain in school, with physical or mental disabilities are encouraged to participate.
- Level of play based upon player’s size, age and skill level are recommended where numbers allow.
- Teams can include as many as 15 to 20 players.
- Players can participate in one of three levels: Tee Ball, Coach-Pitch, Player-Pitch.
- Each player in Tee Ball and Coach- Pitch may use the “Buddy” system, however, it is not mandatory. “Buddies” can also assist the Player-Pitch participants.
- Every player on the roster is in the batting order and shall play defensively for the entire game.
- No team is scheduled to play more than one game in one day.
- The side is retired when the offense has batted through the roster, or when three outs are recorded.
- Little League recommends that no score be kept during games.
- Challenger Division players wear the same uniforms, shoulder patches, and safety equipment as other Little Leaguers.

District 15 Little League
Challenger Division
2008 Registration Form

Date: _____

Player Information:

First Name Last Name ___/___/___ _____
Date of Birth Sex (M/F)

Lives With (please circle one): Father Mother Both

Parent/Guardian Information:

Father

Mother

Name

Name

Street Address

Street Address

City , State Zip Code

City, State Zip Code

(____) _____
Home Phone

(____) _____
Home Phone

(____) _____
Business Phone

(____) _____
Business Phone

E-mail

E-mail

_____ (*parent/guardian signature*)

Instructions:

1. Fill out the information on this form as completely as possible.
2. Complete and sign the "Medical Release" form.
3. Complete the "Coach's Application" form which can be found on the Danvers National Web Site at www.danversnats.com
4. Mail all of the above by March 31st to:

District 15 Challenger Division
C/o Karen Devaney
41 Mass Ave
Danvers, MA 01923



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Medical Release



NOTE: To be carried by any Regular Season or Tournament Team Manager together with team roster or eligibility affidavit.

Player: _____

Date of Birth: _____

League Name: District 15 Challenger Division

I.D. Number: _____

Parent or Guardian Authorization:

In case of emergency, if family physician cannot be reached, I hereby authorize my child to be treated by Certified Emergency Personnel. (i.e. EMT, First Responder, E.R. Physician)

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Hospital Preference: _____

In case of emergency contact:

Name Phone Relationship to Player

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Please list any allergies/medical problems, including those requiring maintenance medication. (i.e. Diabetic, Asthma, Seizure Disorder)

Medical Diagnosis	Medication	Dosage	Frequency of Dosage

The purpose of the above listed information is to ensure that medical personnel have details of any medical problem which may interfere with or alter treatment.

Date of last Tetanus Toxoid Booster: _____

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Authorized Parent/Guardian Signature

WARNING: Protective equipment cannot prevent all injuries a player might receive while participating in Baseball/Softball.

Little League Baseball does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.